



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Marine Corporal Taylor J. Baune, 21 years of age, grew up in Andover, Minnesota and was a 2009 graduate of Andover High School; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Taylor J. Baune participated in golf and football in his younger years, and was regarded as a bright, passionate, and outgoing student; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Taylor J. Baune began dating his wife, Colleen, while both were teenagers. The high school sweethearts moved to San Diego, California, and were married in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 2, 2012; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Taylor J. Baune enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on September 4, 2009, and was stationed at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force and deployed to Afghanistan on March 24, 2012, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Taylor J. Baune gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and died a hero on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, while carrying out combat operations in Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Taylor J. Baune was an exemplary Marine, and has the distinction of being awarded the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and the NATO Medal-ISAF Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Taylor J. Baune was not only an accomplished soldier, but also a remarkable young man who touched the lives of all he knew. Fun and outgoing, with a great sense of humor, he is described by loved ones as always trying to make others happy and having a passion for life that caused him to never take a day for granted; and
- WHEREAS: Corporal Taylor J. Baune will be joining his mother, Melinda Holm, and will be forever remembered and loved by his wife, Colleen Baune; father, Gary Baune; brother, Dusty Holm; sister, Lindee Holm; grandparents, John and Carolyn Baune and Sharon and Paul Palthen; and many other family members and countless friends; and
- WHEREAS: Interment and celebration of Taylor's life will be held on Monday, June 25, 2012 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Corporal Taylor J. Baune for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and the United States of America with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all United States flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Monday, June 25, 2012, in honor and remembrance of Corporal Taylor J. Baune.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 22nd day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the State the one hundred fifty-fourth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE